Workgroup:	Governance	
Meeting Date:	Feb. 8, 2010- Conference Call	

Agenda Items:

I. Work plan Overview

II. Government Model Discussion

A. Review of grant model

B. Comparison of 3 leading governance models (Government led, Public utility, Private sector)

C. Discussion of possible model in Arkansas

III. Next Steps

Discussion Highlights:

I. Work plan

- Dates are not firm-they will be adjusted throughout the process
- Work plan tasks are derived from ONC guidelines
- 2 major tasks for the group
 - 1. Selection of a governance model
 - 2. Identify and define the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders

II. Grant Governance Model Discussion

- Model submitted was for grant only and not necessarily the recommended model that would be put forth
- Suggested a state-led model with the Governor having ultimate authority-Surgeon General and HIT Coordinator to provide guidance
- Exchange Council would be established by an Exec. Order that would function similar to the current Executive Committee-would be composed of public/private stakeholders and would review policies and procedures
- There would be a HIT/HIE Stakeholders' Forum
- Department of Finance and Administration was the grant applicant so they would execute the grant and report to the Surgeon General and Governor

III. Governance Model Chart Comparison

- 3 prominent models: Government-led; Public Utility with state oversight; Private Sector led
- Much agreement from the group that a "hybrid" (public utility) option would be the preferred model, whereby a commission, or board, would be established to help oversee HIE or the government could contract with a separate entity that
- Key issues is ensuring that stakeholders are engaged and are participating
- Since HIE is a new endeavor, the State may need to take the lead in overseeing HIE but then transition HIE to the stakeholders
- Motion made to vote on a preliminary, overarching model:
- 2 tier process- a) start with a government led model, then b) transition to an integrated, utility type model with state oversight and a commission comprised of government representatives and public and private stakeholders that will have explicit say
- Motion was agreed to with the understanding that the details of the model and stakeholder participation will be worked out and that this is just a preliminary model and not the final recommendation
- Model will be sent to Finance Committee

Assignments:

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